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Academician M.V. Keldysh
President, Academy of Sciences
of the U.S.S.R.
Leninsky Prospekt 14
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Dear Academician Keldysh:

At its second meeting in Washington, D.C., November 13-16, 1973, the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Joint Committee for Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection, designated the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as the organizations primarily responsible for initiating cooperative efforts in the field of Tsunami Warning Systems under Area IX of the Agreement. The first meeting of specialists to investigate the possibility of creating a consolidated tsunami early warning system was planned for the third quarter of 1974 in the United States.

We are prepared to host this meeting in Washington, D.C., at a mutually convenient time during the third or fourth quarters of 1974 or the first quarter of 1975. A visit to the field facilities of the Tsunami Warning System in Honolulu, Hawaii, could be arranged following the meeting in Washington.

We believe that the following subjects should be included in the agenda of the first meeting of tsunami specialists:

- a. Seismic, tide, and other data requirements of a consolidated warning system;
- b. Communications arrangements for the exchange of data and issuance of warnings;
- c. Standardization of data exchange formats;
- d. Proposals for warning system tests and warning formats;
- e. Proposals for joint tsunami research projects.

I am designating Mr. Bertrand J. Thompson, the U.S. Coordinator for the Tsunami Warning System, as the U.S. subject Chairman for

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cooperation under the Agreement. I would appreciate receiving the name of his Soviet counterpart as soon as possible, so that Mr. Thompson may contact him directly and proceed with the planning of the meeting of specialists.

Mr. Thompson's address is as follows:

Mr. Bertrand J. Thompson
Office of Oceanography
National Weather Service
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

I look forward to your early response, so that we may soon begin the cooperation envisaged when the subject of Tsunami Warning Systems was included in this Agreement.

Sincerely,



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Administrator

cc: Academician E.K. Fedorov
Mr. Russell E. Train

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